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21 January 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Downgrading of Classification of President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board Recommendations

1. Pat Coynes has agreed to downgrade the PFIAB recommendations covered by Mr. Bundy's memorandum of 4 January 1966, as described below, in order to permit easier handling.

a. The memorandum of January 4th can be classified TOP SECRET LIMITED DISTRIBUTION after deletion of the last paragraph on page 1.

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b. Mr. Clifford's memorandum to the President of December 9th can be classified TOP SECRET LIMITED DISTRIBUTION.

c. Recommendations #1 - #11 and #16 can be TOP SECRET LIMITED DISTRIBUTION.

d. Recommendations #12, #13 and #14 can be changed to TOP SECRET HANDLE VIA COMINT CHANNELS ONLY.

e. Recommendation #15 requires the classification it now carries.

2. I pointed out that with the exception of Recommendation #9 (which has now been withdrawn but would have required a TS classification), all the recommendations from #1 through #11, and also #16, do not by their content require more than SECRET on an individual basis. I conceded that when packaged together they could well be considered TOP SECRET. Coynes agreed but said that he had had an earlier request from DOD along the lines of ours and that he had told them that he would go along with the TS category as indicated above. Since I had

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indicated that TS gives us a little more trouble than SECRET but not significantly so, he asked if we could live with keeping it that way so he would not have to go back to DOD, and I agreed.

3. The classification Coyne worked out with Defense called for TOP SECRET SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIRED, so that Defense's copies will be so labelled. We, of course, have no such classification and LIMITED DISTRIBUTION seems to be the closest to it.



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Letter to John Bross/D/DCI/NIPE from J. Pat Coyne
with letter to Adm Raborn from Clarke Clifford, 17 Jan 66
and agenda for Meeting to be on 24 - 25 Jan 66.

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